

Read Across America Contest Rules for 2018

"Fictional Favorites in Film!"

For 2018, the RAA theme is "Fictional Favorites in Film". *The Cat in the Hat* was pretty cool, doing tricks that entertained millions of before-the-cat bored kids. *This Cat in the Hat* story was later made into a fun movie. The story was one of the most delightful Dr. Seuss books; however, this cat wasn't the only popular character to later entertain us on the big screen! Many popular children's and teen fiction books have been made into movies that starred beloved fictional characters.

There will be three contests this year, a writing contest, a poetry contest and a poster competition. All submissions are due between now and March 1st. All contests revolve around the theme of books made into movies that brought fantastic fictional characters to life on the big screen.

General Contest Rules for All Three:

1. All entries must be neatly done.
2. Any eligible entry must be to Mrs. Schulz, room B2, by March 1st.
3. All entries must follow specific guidelines designed for each type of writing/contest. See page two through four.
4. Any copyright violations will cause disqualification. In any of the entries, Dr. Seuss characters or other famous characters from well-known books can be used and would add to the creativity, but be careful not to draw the characters or use their pictures unless permission is granted.

Quick Summary of Contests:

Contest one - Writing Options - Option One - Have you ever come to the end of a book and said, "I did not like that ending!"? Well, here is your chance to fix that. Choose any fictional book that was made into a movie and rewrite the ending. **Option two** - You could also write, in diary format and from the character's view, and tell why you made the decisions that you did in the story or write about what is happening in your life.

Contest two - Poem - 12 or more lines in one or more stanza(s) - This poem must be one length of a page maximum, written in any form, and refer to a specific fictional character. Poem's type can either be a narrative that retells the character's adventures or a free verse poem about an act of heroism done by the character in the story. Here is your chance to rewatch your favorite book-to-movie and review!

Contest three- Poster - Design a movie poster like you see when you go into theaters. This poster should "advertise" a movie that was based on a book. The poster can be of a movie that has already been in theaters or one that is "Coming Soon to Theaters near You!"

STUDENTS MAY ENTER ALL THREE. THERE IS A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING IF YOU DO ENTER IN ALLTHREE AND PLACE IN AT LEAST ONE!

Examples of Prizes

DVD's, mouse pads and journals, gift certificates to the book fair, stuffed animals, and movie gift cards - Just to name a few! A first, second and third place winner for each contest from each grade level will be awarded.

In addition, all students can participate in a "Match the Character to the Book/Movie" contest, and any student who reads a book that has either been made into a movie or one you would like to see be made into a movie could take an AR test. Names of students who pass the test with a 70% or higher can also be submitted for prize drawings!



Contest One - Writing a Movie Script or Diary-

Rules:

1. All entries must be neatly done, handwritten or typed, 12 point.
2. Any eligible entry must be to Mrs. Schulz, room B2, by March 1st.
3. One-two pages in length for the script and three-five for the diary.
4. The name of the student, grade, homeroom teacher and book title must be on the entry somewhere.
5. Dialogue must be used if you are writing is a script, and first person point of view should be used if the entry is a diary.
6. The creative writing should be in script form to show how you would rewrite the ending. (Write it like a play with stage directions.) All writings must be age-appropriate and nonviolent. If you want to do a diary, you must have at least five entries written in a small book of blank pages; you could use computer paper and design a cover or any small, blank journal-type book, or composition books.
7. Copyright rules apply!



Examples - In *Fault in Our Stars* a beloved character dies. What if the plot took a turn for the better?

How would the movie/book end if Bella would have married Jacob, the werewolf instead of Edward, the vampire?

What would have happened if the cat in *Cat in the Hat* would not have helped the young siblings to clean up that mess?

Here is a web address to watch a short video about elements of a play/script:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGG4jxvc_ps

If you choose to write a diary, you could be Bella or Hazel from the above books and write about your life, choices and decisions, or be Edward and write about what life is like as a vampire. Have a fun movie night and re-watch your favorite for ideas!



Contest Two - Poem -

Rules:

1. All entries must be neatly done.
2. Any eligible entry must be to Mrs. Schulz, room B2, by March 1st.
3. Any copyright violations will cause disqualification.
4. At least 12 lines in length which may be broken into stanzas, one side of page maximum
5. Rhyming is optional!
6. Book and character are to be mentioned in poem.
7. Poem should tell of the adventures of the character **and/or** some act of kindness/heroism that the character does in the story.

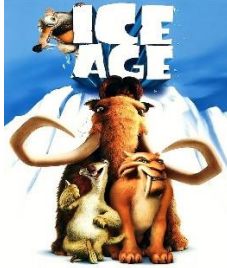
Example: Horton Hears a Who

I heard a yelp
It was a cry for help
I could have thumped on
Stumped on
Or even jumped on - that tiny ball of fluff.

But instead I lifted up my trunk or
Down as was their luck
I am Horton
I hear a who?
What do I do? - I am an elephant and you?

I saved girls and boys
That day I heard a faint noise!

What could have been quite a disaster
Turned out to be a happily ever after!



Contest three- Poster -

Rules:

1. All entries must be neatly done and no smaller than 10 X 12.
2. Any eligible entry must be to Mrs. Schulz, room B2, by March 1st.
3. Any copyright violations will cause disqualification. In any of the entries, Dr. Seuss characters or other famous characters from well-known books can be used and would add to the creativity, but be careful not to draw the characters or use their pictures unless permission is granted.
4. Poster must be colorful and be designed to advertise a book-to-movie that has been shown in theaters or is coming soon!
5. At least a one-line caption should be written on the poster!
6. Title of movie should be on poster.
7. All entries must advertise "G", "PG" or "PG13" movies.

Examples:

Based on Horton Hears a Who

Picture of Horton holding Whoville with the caption:

"When you hear a cry or yelp, lift your trunk and give some help."

"Watch it now on DVD!"

Based on A Dog's Purpose

Picture of a black lab with the caption:

"My purpose is to love you and to help you to learn to love." Best dog movie ever!

Have Fun and Good Luck!

